नई दिल्ली के निवासियों को जल वितरण प्रणाली में त्रुटि की वजह से कठिनाई है ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि दूसरी तथा तीसरी मंजिल पर रहने वाले निवासियों को बिना पानी के रहना पड़ता है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो सरकार पीतमपुरा के निवासियों को जल वितरण प्रणाली के दोष को सुधारने के लिए क्या कदम उठा रही है तथा जल पूर्ति की समस्या का कब तक समाधान होगा ?

शहरी विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री दलबीर सिंह) : (क) से (ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है तथा यथासमय सभापटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

Stock of Pulses

3826. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the stock of pulses available with Government;

(b) whether this stock is sufficient for the distribution through Fair Price Shops; and

(c) if not, what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K L BHAGAT): (a) Import of pulses is allowed under OGL. In view of the present supply-demand gap, Central Government agencies viz. NAFED and STC have also been advised recently to import some quantity of pulses. While NAFED has started receiving the consignments contracted, STC will start receiving them soon. NAFED has reported a stock of 1000 tonnes of imported pulses with them as on 8-12-1987.

(b) and (c) Pulses are not one of the items being supplied by the Central Government to the States/UTs under the Public Distribution System. However, since States/UTs are free to include in their PDS other items by making their own arrangements for procurement, some States like Himachal Pradesh are supplying pulses through PDS.

Functioning of Sarvapriya Cooperative House Building Society

3827. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that there have been some complaints against the functioning of Sarvapriya Cooperative House Building Society, South Delhi as per the report published in the "Sunday Mail" on the 23rd November, 1987; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken against this society?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH). (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Fire Hazards faced by Sarvapriya Cooperative Group Housing Society, New Delhi

3828. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Fire Service had in March, 1987 issued a letter to the Sarvapriya Cooperative House Building Society in South Delhi warning it of serious fire hazards faced by the member owners of the apartments built by the said society.

(b) if so, what follow up action has been taken by the society in this regard; and

(c) whether Government propose to take penal action against the management of the society for its failure to carry out instructions and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House

Supply of drinking water in drought and unirrigated areas

3829. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state what are the details of permanent arrangements for the supply of drinking water to the affected people and the livestock in the areas under the grip of unprecedented drought in the States of Rajasthan, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and other unirrigated areas to tide over the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): Supply of drinking water is the responsibility of the States and since the 5th Plan period this has been included in the Minimum Needs Programme (MNP) of the State Plans. Taking into account the importance of the programme and the magnitude of the problem, the Central Government is assisting the States under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). To help this process, "The Technology Mission for Drinking Water in Village and Related Water Management" has been set up with the objective to improve the performance and cost effectiveness of on-going programme in the field of rural drinking water supply

However, due to the unprecedented drought during the current year, the Government of India have approved ceilings of expenditure in connection with relief of distress caused by drought. A Statement-I showing the ceilings of expenditure for Rural and Urban Drinking Water Supply and for purchase of rigs etc. is enclosed. (See below) Except for a small amount for transportation of water to remote areas where there is no other alternative source of drinking water the ceilings approved are for permanent and Semi-permanent schemes. The approved outlay for 1987-88 under State Sector MNP and ARWSP are Rs. 497 25 crores and Rs. 354.69 crores respectively (Details in Statement-II, (See below). This has to be utilised for permanent arrangement for supply of potable drinking water.

During the current year, Government of India has also approved additional allocation under ARWSP for the areas identified under the Desert Development Programme (DDP) in 5 States The amount allocated to these States are as under:

(Rs. in crores)

State	Amount
Gujarat	1.29
Haryana	4.07
Himachal Pradesh	0.11
Jammu & Kashmir	0.15
Rajasthan	12.88
	18.50

For Desert Areas, safe drinking water is being provided at the rate of 40 litres per capita per day (lpcd) for human population and 30 lpcd for cattle.

The State Government have been asked to repriostise their plan programmes to solve the drinking water scarcity in drought affected areas.